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Sir:

The following references were recently brought to the attention of the patentee during the prosecution of a corresponding foreign application:

U.S. patent nos. 5,374,564 and 7,029,993

The patentee and their attorneys and representatives have reviewed these patents and confirm that they are not material to the patentability of the present claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this letter simply be placed in the file of this patent.

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Respectfully submitted,

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